

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND

Town Meeting

February 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 with Mayor Simpson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Tammy Simpson
Councilperson Regina Blake
Councilperson Lisa Outten Harrison
Councilperson Melisa Weidner

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Gary Weber, Town Manager
Andy McGee, Police Chief
Lounell Hamstead, Finance Manager
Randy Barfield, Public Works Director
Dr. Cynthia Byrd, Purnell Museum Director
Jeré Johnson, Media, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator
Margot Resto, Administrative Assistant

SALUTE TO THE FLAG/INVOCATION

Mayor Tammy Simpson called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Invocation was made by Pastor Joshua Berry of Bates Memorial UMC.

MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Expression of openness of communication, challenges and perceptions. Is the Mayor, Council, Town Manager and staff's responsibility to get the work of the Town done, is the citizen's responsibility to be involved and take in the information provided. All are encouraged to contact Town Hall anytime with questions, comments and concerns, welcome the conversation. Invitation to serve on Grants Committee.

MEETING MINUTES

- Work Session Open Session 2-2-2021 presented for approval, Councilperson Harrison motioned, Councilperson Blake seconded, all in favor.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER – Board of Elections Supervisors: Maegan Baetty

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Put out RFP for Black-Eyed Susan, will be advertised and posted.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report for January, 2021 was presented, no changes. Councilperson Harrison motioned to approve, Councilperson Weidner seconded, all in favor, approved.

MEDIA, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR/Main Street Manager

The Media, Marketing and Promotions Report and Main Street Manager Report for January, 2021 was presented verbally, no changes. Councilperson Harrison asked about status of handicap signage, ramps. Jere will look into it and get back to her. Mayor asked about Oyster Roast status. Jere informed that it would be a drive-thru format, tentatively Sunday April 18th. Public Works asked if needed, Jere will let them know as it gets closer.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Report was presented by Mayor for January 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Report for January 2021 was presented, no changes. Replaced 4 hydrants that were bad, 5th one quote is submitted. Huntingfields moving along as it's supposed to, should be paving main street coming in, first stage; already have curb in. Impressed with Town Manager's learned knowledge about all levels of process.

WWTP REPORT

Wastewater Report for January 2021 was presented.

MUSEUM REPORT

The Julia A. Purnell Museum Report was presented for January 2021.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Police Department Report for January 2021 was presented. Weather coming. Fraud complaints – don't give out information over phone. Asking for interested people in serving on Chief's Advisory Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Fire Department Report was presented by Mayor Simpson. Fire, EMS, calls reported.

Council Blake asked Chief McGee about spot checks at businesses being done, confirmed they're being done. Mayor encouraged all to report when they see it, as they see it.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor discussed CDARS rates being very low. Taylor Bank CD's are higher. Where to reinvest. Not renewing account. Hold on making decision until better option. Limit to what we can invest in because it's public funds.

NEW BUSINESS – **Proclamation: Black History Month.** Mayor shared comments prior to reading. Margot Resto read Proclamation.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilperson Harrison – thanked staff, help with citizens, solved

Councilperson Weidner – thanked all staff and employees, continued hard work, especially during pandemic, well-oiled machine, keep wearing masks.

Councilperson Blake – Valentine's Day is a day of love, let's love one another, stay safe.

Councilperson Weidner announced she is running for re-election for Central District.
Councilperson Blake announced she is running for re-election in Western District.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Simpson, with a heavy heart, cannot run again due to her financial business setting forth compliance guidelines. Want all to be vigilant against COVID, continue to follow protocols.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Harrison, seconded by Councilperson Blake and all approved.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Resto